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Whatever be a man's rank or station, he ought to be treated with mildness and civility.—Duke of Wellington.

YOUR CHARTER, MR. CITIZEN!

Honolulu's proposed new charter will again be under discussion tonight by the Committee of Thirty-three, and the meeting should be attended by all interested citizens. The meeting is public, held in the senate chamber, executive building, at 7:30 o'clock, and many important matters will come up for action.

Are you a believer in short-ballot, simplified, directly responsible government? Are you a believer in electing your commissioners to perform specific duties? Or do you favor electing them at large and allowing these commissioners to select their own internal system of administration? How do you want the city streets handled? How do you want franchises handled? Do you favor the plan of allowing the voters to initiate legislation? Do you favor the plan of the referendum?

And do you favor the submission of this proposed charter to the people for action before it can become operative?

These are some of the questions that every citizen ought to ask himself. For the proposed charter, Mr. Citizen, Mr. Taxpayer, Mr. Voter, will be your charter if it is adopted. Its mistakes and short-comings will be your mistakes and short-comings.

The charter committee is working carefully, slowly, conscientiously. And so far it is working almost without suggestion from the general public. The committee is always open to suggestion. The members do not claim a monopoly on all the bright ideas regarding short-ballot government.

The legislature, of course, must pass upon whatever bill is submitted by this committee. But the committee's work ought to be so well done, so representative of the best thought and most thorough consideration of Honolulu, that the legislature will find here a united sentiment on the subject. If the voters wish to see the charter passed upon at a special election, if they wish to see the legislature provide an enabling act for the city, they should make known their wishes as early as possible. Whatever the form of act decided upon, it should have strong, enthusiastic, united backing. A factional fight before the legislature will almost certainly wreck the plan.

And, Mr. Citizen, short-ballot government is not going to help Honolulu unless you take a personal interest in your city's organization and administration. Your axes will not be lowered until you have helped carry out the doctrine of efficiency in office. Your streets will not be paved, our back streets and outlying sections will not be lighted, until you have done your share toward progressive city government.

It's as simple as two and two make four. Personal interest added to a practical form of government makes civic progress.

PRactical BENEVOLENCE

Out of a mass of dry statistics sent broadcast by the bureau of census there comes a set of figures of unusual interest to Hawaii. The bureau has been collecting figures on the evolution of institutions and a recent bulletin shows a remarkable increase in the number of such institutions for the care of children and for the care of tubercular persons.

The total number of institutions reported, 5,397, classified as follows: Institutions for the care of children, 1,152; societies for the protection and care of children, 212; institutions for the care of adults or adults and children, 1,443; institutions for the education and care of the blind and deaf, 119; hospitals, classified as benevolent, 1,896; and dispensaries, classified as benevolent, 576.

In these institutions, or under their care, there were at the close of the year 380,337 persons, apportioned as follows: Institutions for children, 107,401; societies for the protection and care of children, 35,279; institutions for adults and children, 121,876; institutions for the blind and deaf, 651; hospitals, 28,69. The number of inmates during the year is indicated by the fact that 2,011 children were received in institutions, while 37,825 were placed in families or institutions, mostly in families, and 788,691 persons were received in institutions for adults or children, and 2,554 into institutions for children.

blind and deaf; 1,975,838 patients were treated in hospitals, and 2,439,059 in dispensaries.

Whether the increase indicates greater need, or greater care and more complete provision is a question which must await a more careful study of the situation; as also the question as to the decrease. Two items are of special interest—the collection for the first time of data in regard to the placing-out of children in families, and the notably increased interest manifested in the treatment of tuberculosis, which accounts to a very considerable degree for the increase in the number of dispensaries and to some degree of hospitals and sanitariums. Thus the net number of dispensaries added to the list is 420, and of these nearly 200 are county dispensaries established in the state of Pennsylvania by the department of health for the treatment of tuberculosis. The decrease of 109,319 in the number of persons received into institutions for the care of adults or children is chiefly confined to institutions for the temporary care of men who are destitute.

SENATOR CLARK ON THE JOB

Senator Clark of Wyoming has been a very good friend to Hawaii, and the latest evidence of it is in his insistence that this territory be included in the beneficial provisions of the Lever-Page agricultural aid bill. The Star-Bulletin some time ago drew attention to the fact that Hawaii had been dropped from the Lever bill, and this paper sent to Washington to know why. Senator Clark, learning that Hawaii had been either purposely or neglectfully dropped, succeeded in getting the territory included by an amendment to the Lever-Page bill. Congressman Lever's measure and Senator Page's measure are working out as a joint bill and Hawaii stands an excellent chance of securing early benefit.

AN APOSTLE OF PEACE

Hon. George E. Foster, who is expected to pass through Honolulu on February 26th on his way to the Imperial Conference in Australia, is one of the greatest parliamentary orators of Canada. He is minister of commerce in the Dominion cabinet. It might be very fitting for the commercial bodies of Honolulu to invite Mr. Foster by wireless to his steamer to deliver an address here, provided the steamer's stay be propitious. A subject upon which he would almost certainly be prepared to speak would be the hundred years' peace between Great Britain and the United States, with reference incidentally to the four-thousand-mile international boundary without a fort or an armed man.

MORE ABOUT THE SCHOOLS

The Star-Bulletin tomorrow will publish No. 2 in its series of articles on the subject, "What We Do in Our School." Tomorrow the pupils of Moiliili school will tell of this institution, where 211 children are busy at work and play. Incidentally, the pictures and articles tell a story of certain conditions that ought to be remedied.

Scout Commissioner James Wilder may well feel proud of his boys. One of them, trained to act promptly in emergencies, saved a small boy from serious injury when the small boy set himself ablaze from firecrackers. The scout had been instructed what to do in just such cases, and he did it promptly and energetically. Commissioner Wilder and the few—all too few—men who are associated with him in this work are building up a practical organization of healthy, happy, wholesome and wholesome youngsters. More power to them!

The capture of opium-smugglers is always good lead to the "man higher up", but it never makes us get further than the man next to the man higher up.

Goat, and Salvador have started quarreling again. South America could hardly be expected to let the Balkans have all the fun.

Isn't it time a Bulgarian cigarette or a Montenegrin rug show up on the market?

Being reasonable is one of two ways to avoid a strike. Being just is the other.

Presently the Turks will think they are unwelcome in Europe.

As the Turk quits Europe of course the Montenegrins.

PERSONALITIES

H. T. TAFT of Los Angeles is expected to arrive here shortly for a visit to friends during the early spring.

JAMES OGG, the chief engineer of the Hawaiian Agricultural Company at Pahala, lost three fingers in an accident at the Pahala mill last week.

HENRY P. DIMOND, secretary of the Dried Fruit Association of California and the Canners League of California, is here on a short vacation trip.

G. BERRY, vice-president of the western lines of the Canadian-Pacific railroad, is a through passenger in the Chiyo Maru, enroute to the Orient.

He is accompanied by Mrs. Berry. MRS. HAROLD G. PLUMMER of San Francisco has returned to the mainland after spending several months here. She will reside at Los Angeles during the spring and summer.

A. C. Baumgartner, representing the Hawaiian Pineapple Company at San Francisco, has gone to Hawaii on a business trip in connection with the Dole company's business.—California Fruit Grower.

JOHN FALCONER, permanent secretary of the Ancient Order of Foresters for the Pacific Coast, will arrive on the Sonoma, Feb. 17, on a visit to the lodges in this city in acceptance of their invitation.

M. J. SULLIVAN, district sales manager of the American Can Company of San Francisco, left during the week for Honolulu, where the American Can Company has interests.—California Fruit Grower.

WILLIAM M. BUNKER, a former director of the chamber of commerce of San Francisco and now the commissioner of foreign commerce of that body, is a through passenger in the Chiyo Maru, enroute around the world, making an investigation of foreign trade channels relative to the opening of the Panama Canal.

MRS. JOHN LUCAS, who has been seriously ill since Sunday, underwent an operation at the sanitarium yesterday afternoon and was reported last night to be resting easily, with every chance of a recovery. Prior to the operation her condition was so serious that arrangements were under way for the special charter of a steamer to bring her relatives to Honolulu from Molokai.

NOTES OF PROSPERITY FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Reports that have strayed in from Nueva Ecija province tell of the largest rice crop in history, says the Manila Cable-News American. A very large rice crop is reported all over the province of Batavia.

On the Dinatuphan hacienda alone, 75,000 cavanes of palay, belonging to the various tenants have been cut. Thomas Pratt, manager of the hacienda, has two cable blow breakers, 1000 acres of sugar land and a new sugar mill is about to be constructed on the hacienda and is already on the ground waiting to be assembled.

The Abucay Plantation Company is cleaning up a large acreage for corn and has been offered P50 a ton for all it can raise.

Bagooc and Moron both have bumper crops of palay and thousands of logs cut waiting shipment to Manila.

From Sorsogon the report comes that hemp is still keeping at a good price but the production is fast falling off. One good feature of the situation is that planters have started on a thorough cleaning up of the hemp fields so as to increase the production next year. Many fine hemp fields that had been practically abandoned and had become almost jungles have been cleaned and now present a fine appearance. It is prophesied that, if the price of hemp remains as it is for about a year longer, everybody in Sorsogon should be clear of debt.

As a result of the increased price of hemp there has been an influx of Turks, Greeks and Syrians who have established dry goods stores and are apparently doing a thriving business.

There is a positive fad for small hats and toques, some fitting the head as closely as a cap.

The short dolman mantles of fur seem to be gaining. Usually they are fastened with a single large button or buckle, or tortoise shell or strass stones.

Millinery now being prepared for the sunny south shows a great many flowers, also net and ribbon. Satin, wool and bright velvets are used in these flowers.

Olives stoned and chopped and mixed with fresh butter or heavy cream and cream cheese make one of the most delicious of sandwich fillings.

A soft cloth wrapped round the head of the sewing machine when not in use, even when covered with its box, will be found a great protection from fine dust.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

PAUL SUPER — The harvesting of the results of the Men and Religion campaign is being planned and executed in a most businesslike manner. We are going to have business in religion as well as religion in business.

D. WILLIAM DOUTHITT — Judging from the rehearsals of "The Tourist", it is evident that the performance will have a decided professional atmosphere. The principals are very clever and the chorus is equally so.

TOM MERLE — I see that Henri French is going to delight Honolulu theater-goers with a brief season at the Liberty. Take our word for it, it will be worth while, for I've seen Henri on the Coast, and there's nothing can touch that party along their specialty.

CHARLES F. CHILLINGWORTH — During the past week there has been much increase in the enthusiasm of the various chairmen of the Floral Parade committees, as well as the response to the Carnival spirit by the businessmen of the city. It looks now as if we should have by far the biggest and best parade yet, as well as a successful Carnival week.

E. L. SCHWABERGER — There is not a better site anywhere for the proposed county hospital than the Schmidt premises sold the other day. It seems a pity that it could not have been held for that purpose. Besides being central to thoroughfares from all directions, it is near the Queen's hospital for cases that might be desired to have transferred to that institution.

W. R. FARRINGTON—Hon. E. C. Burleigh, recently elected United States senator from Maine by the Republicans of the legislature, may be reckoned as a firm friend of Hawaii in the senate, as he was during his years of service in the house of representatives. In the House he was next in point of service to Chairman Barthold of the public buildings committee. He is a protectionist and thoroughly progressive, as well as broadly national in the scope of his legislative thought and action.

STORIES OF HURT TO CRUISER CANARD

Stories in the San Francisco papers to the effect that the cruiser California had been badly damaged in Hawaiian waters more than a year ago, are not borne out by the facts as published here at the time that the Pacific fleet made its long stay at Honolulu. It is true that the California, then flagship of Admiral Thomas, developed a strong list while in these waters, and that a board of investigation was called to locate the extent of the damage. At that time it was discovered that some of the ship's plates were dented, and it was announced that the accident had occurred some time before, when the California was being docked at Hunters Point, California, and had been "pinched" in the process. Two compartments were found to be leaking slightly, the list being caused by the water that had found its way into the double bottom of the ship.

The San Francisco Call of January 28 published a story, which incorrectly gives the place of the accident as Pearl Harbor. The California entered Pearl Harbor only once, and nothing happened to her on that occasion.

The Call says: The damage to the cruiser California is not so serious as first reported, and that whatever it may turn out to be it was not suffered anywhere on the Pacific coast, but in Hawaiian waters nearly a year and a half ago, is the result of an unofficial inquiry today.

Captain Alexander Halstead is absolved from responsibility in the matter of the damaged plate, or plates, and the dents are supposed to have been made when Captain Charles H. Harlow, retired, was in charge of the ship.

A former member of the California's crew, who worked in the fireroom, is reported to have said that while the vessel was at Pearl Harbor more than a year ago she leaked slightly. It was thought at the time that some of the rivets of her double bottom had sweated off that a plate had buckled.

The leak was reported at the time to Admiral Southerland, who is now in command of the Pacific squadron. A naval board of inquiry made a report to the department at Washington.

A dispatch from San Diego quotes Admiral Southerland as saying that the damage to the ship was known to the department for a long time.

Admiral W. H. H. Southerland, commander of the Pacific fleet, on board his flagship, the Colorado, at San

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Diego, this morning characterized reports of the extent of the damage as "gross exaggerations."

"In the time that the department has known of the dent," said Admiral Southerland, "the cruiser has been thoroughly examined and pronounced capable of extensive cruises, and she has made them. The injury to the hull is by no means such as to cause special comment."

It has been surmised, according to navy officers, that either at Honolulu or Mare Island the hull of the cruiser was subjected to strong, steady pressure by some vessel that came alongside, and that the dent, which Admiral Southerland says is not 100 feet long, was the result. An investigation is not expected.

The accident to the cruiser occurred before Admiral Southerland became commander of the Pacific fleet, but just how or when no one, it is stated, seems to know. Captain Harlow may be summoned to Mare Island to testify.

I read it in the Star-Bulletin. It must be so.

UNIVERSITY CLUB ANNUAL BALL SET FOR MARCH 25

Announcement was made this afternoon by the University Club that the club will hold its annual ball this year, and the date has been set for Tuesday, March 25. A meeting of the club was held to consider the question of holding the ball, the decision being in the affirmative and the date was thereupon decided.

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